

Amendment to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 25, page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

~~Co-pending and commonly assigned U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/558,235, filed April 24, 2000~~ U. S. Patent No. 6,274,126 discloses a hair conditioning composition for conditioning, lightening, and highlighting hair, which comprises

- i) peroxygen compound, and
 - ii) a conditioning agent,
- said composition having a pH of 5 or less.

Please replace paragraph beginning at line 2, page 5, with the following amended paragraph:

~~Co-owned and co-pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/811,920, filed March 19, 2001~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0051297 A1 discloses a method for permanently dyeing hair which comprises subjecting said hair to a number of treatments, having a set time interval between each two consecutive such treatments, wherein each treatment comprises steps a.) and b.) below:

- a.) contacting said hair[[,]] for a period of about 5 seconds to about 5 minutes with a recently made mixture of:
 - i.) an alkaline composition comprising a dye intermediate in a shampoo base or in a conditioner base; and
 - ii.) an acidic composition comprising an oxidating compound in a shampoo base or in a conditioner base;

b.) rinsing said mixture from said hair with water;

with the proviso that when a conditioner base is present in a.) i.) above, an independently selected conditioner base is also present in a.) ii.) above; and when a shampoo base is present in a.) i.) above, an independently selected shampoo base is also present in a.) ii.) above;

and wherein said number of treatments is between about 2 to about 30; and wherein said set time interval between each two consecutive treatments is between about 8 hours and 30 days, is described.